**LIBERAL R-11 SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**

**September 15. 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Liberal R-II School District was held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, in the Board of Education Office. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President Christie Ulrich. The minutes were recorded by Board Secretary, Eli Short.

**Members Present:**

**Others Present:**

Christie Ulrich (2023), President

John Simpson (2024), Vice-President

Bryce Barton (2022)

Denise James (2024)

Chris Morrow (2023)

Brian Williams (2023)

**Absent:** Tonya Suschnick (2022)

William Harvey, Superintendent

Nicole Ruddick, HS/ MS Principal

Rachel Miller, HS/ MS Assistant Principal

Leticia Fry, Elementary Principal Travis Walton, Athletic Director Eli Short, Board Secretary Wendy Rose, Board Treasurer

# PRELIMINARY MATTERS

**Motion** by Simpson, seconded by James to approve the presented agenda for the regular September 15, 2021 meeting. Motion carried 6-0

# CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Motion** by Barton, seconded by Morrow to approve the Open Session minutes from the regular meeting held on August 19, 2021. Motion carried 6-0.
2. **Motion** by Morrow, seconded by Simpson to pay the September 2021 bills as presented. Motion carried 5-0-1: Williams abstained from check #1095.
3. **Motion** by Morrow, seconded by Simpson to approve the monthly bank statement from August 2021. Motion carried 6-0.
4. **Motion** by Williams, seconded by Barton to transfer $240,000 from the MoSIP General Account to the NOW Account. Motion carried 6-0.

# PROGRAM REVIEW

1. Mr. Harvey reviewed the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan (SRCSP). He noted that there have been 8 positive Covid-19 cases in our district, 3 have been allowed to return, and another 4 students are in quarantine. Mr. Harvey noted that each of the cases were determined to be family related and not contracted at any school function. He recommended the board continue with the plan as they have been. Mr.Harvey also handed out information on Schoolboard training that will be addressed at the next regular meeting.

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# BUILDING PRINCIPAL REPORTS

# Elementary

## Mrs. Fry Reported that enrollment is 127 which is an increase of 16 from last year. She also noted that the new bus drop off was going well. Title I/PAT had a family night on September 9th, they had an outdoor picnic for the first in-person event since before last year. Finally, school pictures will be Friday, September17th.

## Middle School

## Mrs. Ruddick Presented for both middle school and High school. She reported that middle school enrollment is 89. She also noted that grades 6-8 have been screened for dyslexia and the administrators will be reviewing the results and sharing information with parents, as needed.

## High School

For the High school report Mrs. Ruddick informed the board that High school enrollment is 112 students. The art department received a donation of 2 photography workbooks, a Canon Rebel Camera, a screen protector and camera bag. Mrs. Ruddick noted that tutoring has begun for both Middle school and High school in the mornings and evenings

## Athletic Director

Mr. Walton presented current records for all of the sports teams. He also discussed number of players and schedules for fall middle school sports. Finally, he noted recent cross-country performances and discussed the upcoming cross-country district meet.

# SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

# Mr. Harvey reported on current financial status as compared to last year at this time. He noted that the ledger shows we are $77,411 ahead of where we were at during this time last year. With that being said, our revenues are up by $77,327 and our expenditures are down by $84. He elaborated, stating that We were able to give significant raises this year and we will most likely see these numbers drop over the next couple of months but should recover once our local current taxes begin coming in this December - February.

# Additionally, Mr. Harvey discussed the ongoing search for additional bus drivers. He reported that there are two new drivers who have yet to start. One driver is in the testing process and another will begin the process next week. Finally, Mr. Harvey mentioned Our current enrollment is at 328 compared to 315 last year. Most of that increase is at the Elementary so hopefully our enrollment trends for the future will continue to increase.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Midwest Bin Builders submitted a bid for a 40’ x 60’ metal building to replace the old bus barn. The bid is for a metal building with 4 overhead doors and 1 walk through door. The bid includes all labor and materials including concrete and is for $74,944.74

**Motion** by Williams, seconded by Morrow to accept the bid and begin the construction process. Motion carried 6-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Motion** by Simpson, seconded by James to Appoint Federal Programs Coordinators:

Federal Programs Coordinator - Linda Krueth

ELL Coordinator - Nicole Ruddick

Homeless Coordinator - Shanda Shaw

Migrant Coordinator - Nicole Ruddick

Motion Carried 6-0

1. **Motion** by Morrow, seconded by Simpson to approve the bus routes for the 2021-22 school year: Total mileage – 69,372. Motion carried 6-0.
2. **Motion** by Simpson, seconded by Barton to hold the next regular meeting on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.
3. **Motion** by Williams, seconded by Morrow to amend the March 2021 open session meeting minutes to include justification for accepting the larger of two bids for school lawn-care, that being a bid from Green Meadows lawn and landscaping LLC. Motion carried 4-0-2; James and Morrow abstained.

**Motion** by Williams, seconded by Morrow to go into closed session for exception #3 (hiring, firing, disciplining and promotion of personnel). Roll Call Vote: Barton-yes, James-yes, Morrow-yes, Simpson-yes, Ulrich-yes and Williams-yes. Motion carried 6-0. **(8:11 p.m.)**

**Motion** by Williams, seconded by Morrow to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0.

**CLOSING TIME: 8:14 p.m.**